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- 1. TO SUPPLEMENT CLARIFICATION OUR VIEWS (REF B), PARA 4(B) OF REF A CONTAINS CERTAIN IMPLICATIONS OF CONCERN TO US AND WHICH SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT GG MEETING JULY 19.
- 2. PARA 4(B) COULD SET UNDESIRABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE PRECEDENT REQUIRING ALL RPT ALL PROGRAM REDUCTIONS TO BE APPROVED BY GENERAL CONFERENCE (GC). WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS WAS INTENDED BY RAO IN HIS EXPLANATION, BUT ASSUME HE HAD REFERENCE TO MAGNITUDE OF CUTS WHICH MAJORITY OF EXBD WOULD FEEL COULD ONLY BE APPROVED BY GC.
- 3. FOR EXAMPLE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAM REDUCTIONS APPROVED BY 92ND EXBD TO COVER DEFICIT DUE INFLATION REQUIRE GC APPROVAL. NOR DO WE BELIEVE THAT ALL FURTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND/OR PROGRAM REDUCTIONS TO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSED BECAUSE OF DEFICIT DUE DEVALUATION NECESSARILY

REQUIRE GC APPROVAL.

4. PROGRAM EROSION, FOR INSTANCE, IS PROGRAM REDUCTION IN EFFECT BUT REQUIRES NEITHER EXBD NOR GC APPROVAL. BECAUSE OF SENSITIVITIES OF LDCS, MAGNITUDE THEREFORE IS ISSUE

RATHER THAN WHICH BODY CAN APPROVE WHAT.

5. IN SUMMARY, THEREFORE, WE DO NOT AGREE THAT ALL PROPOSED PROGRAM REDUCTIONS REQUIRE GC APPROVAL, BUT COULD HARDLY OBJECT TO SUCH APPROVAL IF PROPOSED CUTS EXCEEDED PROGRAM GROWTH AUTHORIZED BY 17TH GC. TO THAT EXTENT, IT CAN BE ARGUED THAT A PART OF REDUCTIONS MIGHT REQUIRE GC CONCURRENCE.

REQUEST PERMREP DISCUSS THIS GENERAL ISSUE AT GG MEETING IN LIGHT OF SEQUENCE ADVANCED BY RAO. ROGERS

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